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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 34, lines 6-31 of the originally filed application, please replace the first full paragraph as follows:

The following primers (Genset, France) were used in the generation of the different vectors and helper phage genomic constructs. Most restriction enzymes hardly or fail to digest DNA if their corresponding palindrome is near the end of the DNA. Therefore a stretch of 8 nucleotides was added to the 5' end of all of these primers in which this stretch is an A/T rich non-hybridizing 8-mer.

